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LETTER DATED 14 DECEMBER 1997 FROM THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you as follows:

1. Some 196 mines, bombs, rockets and other ordnance left behind by the 30-Power aggression against Iraq were found and disposed of in all parts of the country between 1 October and 1 December 1997. The items included American-made cluster bombs as well as spherical bombs, air-launched bombs and anti-personnel mines. They were found in the following governorates: Ninawa, Basrah, Anbar, Salah al-Din and Muthanna.
2. On 23 October 1997 an American cluster mine left behind by the aggression against Iraq exploded among a group of children tending sheep in the Sayyid Muhammad area of the Fahud district in Dhi Qar Governorate. Three of them were injured, and four sheep were killed.
3. On 3 November 1997 a mine left behind by the aggression exploded among a group of children gathering firewood in the Imam Ali area in Dhi Qar Governorate. Majid Sa'd Mukhawwas Murri was killed, and Walid Sa'd Mukhawwas Murri was injured.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

